(b) if *to,* what part of manufacturing of the LCA will be done By the Trench and what part will be Indian;

(c) whether the French will develop their LCA in Tandem with ours; and

(d) if go, whether Government's earlier idea of developing a eight tonne, single-engined LCA has been given up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATH.): (a) A contract has recently been signed with the French firm Avions Marcel Dassault—Brequet Aviation, only lor giving consultancy during the Project Definition Phase of the LCA Project,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The French firm is currently engaged in the development of only a twin-engined combat aircraft, which does not come under the LCA class.

(d) No, Sir. The Government is pursuing development of the lightweight, single engined LCA.

Amount released to states for Drought Relief

598. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be plaased to state;

(a) whether he has visited various States including Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Gujarat to study on spot severity of drought and if so, whether an assessment has been hiad* as regard funds required to meet the situation for supplying food, work, drinking water and fodder for catties and what is the quantum ofTdemands made by Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and others during 1986-87 and 1987-88 and amount so released during this period; and

(b) whether Government is aware that the criteria for relief to meet the drought situation needs to be reviewed in view of continuinty of drought during the last 3/4 seasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. I_n connection with the drought situation, the Minister of State has visited only States of Maharashtra and Karnataka. The detailed assessment of the severity of drought is made by Central team of officers, comprising experts representing different Departments. The Central $team_s$ have visited all the 15 drought-affected States and made their recommendations which were considered by the High Level Committee o_n Relief (HLCR). Based on these recommendations, Government have issued sanctions which are enclosed as Statement-Il *JSee* below). Statement-I (See below^ givee the position iregarding assistance sanctioned in 1986-87.

(b) The present norms for relief assistance are operative with effect from 1. 7. 1986. Except in relation to their application t_0 severely drought-affected areas, the Government does not propose to revise these norms or criteria for deciding the basis for relief in drought affected areas.

Statement- I

Ceiling of central assistance sanctioned to states for drought etc. during 1986-8?

(Rs. inCrortsj

S,No.	State/UT	1986-87 Assistance	
		Sought	Approved
1	Andhra Pradesh	676.53	63 2*
2	Assam .	8J.93	7.40
3	Bihar		
4	Gujarat	1075,31	156 87
5	Himachal Pradesh .	70.56,	070
6	Haryana	14).62	16-70
7	Karnataka	18-50*	53-82
8	Jammu & Kashmir		
9	Kerala .	281-64	36s
10	Madhya Pradesh .	154-49	22-70
11	Maharashtra	553-01	97.24
12	Manipur	1-8&	0.76
13	Meghalaya	. M%	%"
14	Orissa		
)5	Punj ib .		
16	Rajasthan	916.45	142.52
17	Tamil Nadu	310 22	31.77
18	Tripura		0 86
19	Uttar Pradssh	474 82	10 88
20	Goa		
2)	Pondicherry	0 46	0 06
22	Mizoram		
	TOT\L :	4762 88	609 34

Statemeot— II

State-wise details of Central Assistance sought and amount approved for drought relief foi 1987-88

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No	?tate/U. T.	Pre-Monsoon (April-June)		Post-Monsoon (July-March 1	
		Assistance Sought	Amount Approved	Assistance-Sought	Amount Approved
1	Andhra Pradesh.	240. 75	25. 19	546-50	68. 89 0
2	Gujarat....	. Included in 1986-87	31. 55	187-47	79. 840 Upto Sept.
3	Haryana			489. 37	37. 27 5
4	Himachal Pradesh			274. 64	18. 705
5	Jammu and Kashmir	.		169-06	18. 981
6	Karnataka	. Included in 1986-87	099	256. 68	46. 638
7	Kerala....	. Included in 1986-87	15. 50	604. 45	32. 08 2
8	Madhya Pradesh	75. 99	17. 68	579. 34	63. 38 4
9	Maharashtra	453-02	31. 01	294. 39	37. 67 9
10	Nagaland			22. 20	3. 87 6
11	Orissa....			162. 63	50. 780
12	Punjab....			505. 05	2C391
13	Rajasthan....	781. 83	69-13	434. 27	147. 988 Up tr Oct.
14	Tamil Nadu	348. 45	3474	52. 71	28. 202 Up to Oct.
15	Uttar Pradish.			1314. 11	155. 73
16	Goa Daman & Diu	10. 70	0. 64		
17	Andaman & Nicobar Islands			066	
18	Chandigarh			0. 17	@
19	Delhi....			10. 98	0. 3
20	Pondicherry			2. 73	6 0. 59
21	Dadra: nd Nagar Haveli				
	TOTAL:	191004	226-43	5907. 41	820. 406

* Andaman 1 nd Nicobar Island.

@> Sanction under issue.